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EXAMINING GROUP 2132
Docket No.: 826.1547**

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Group Art Unit: 2132

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For: ELECTRONIC DATA STORAGE APPARATUS WITH KEY MANAGEMENT FUNCTION
AND ELECTRONIC DATA STORAGE METHOD

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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: Mail Stop Issue Fee

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance dated March 16, 2004 was issued in this application.

Consideration of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

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